

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2007
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answered roll call. Councilman Sheehan entered the meeting at 6:40. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the March 20, 2007 meeting were presented for approval. McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following to Council:

- At this month's meeting of the Ag Roundtable members present voted unanimously to endorse the model zoning committee's plan for a new zoning ordinance for Rush County. The proposal was presented to the Rush County Area Plan Commission at their meeting last Thursday night. The APC voted to hold a public hearing on the proposed plan on Tuesday April 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School cafeteria. This proposal is the most significant issue to come before Rush County in many years. Please mark April 17 on your calendar. I am requesting the City Council consider moving our next Council meeting to 5:30 p.m. I would like the City Council to attend the APC meeting to show support for the committee's proposal.
- The Council is requested to attend an open house and forum that is sponsored by the Rushville Public Library. The dates of the open house and forum are April 10, 12, and 17. All are held at 6:30 p.m. at the library. Please RSVP to Sue Otte at 932-2496 or sueotte@rpl.lib.in.us.
- The Historic Neighborhood Board met last Thursday, March 29. This was an organizational meeting and they are scheduled to meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Rush County Historical Museum, 619 N Perkins Street.
- I sent you a letter from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. Loma Court Apartments are under new ownership. The new owner is planning a \$5.2 million dollar renovation project, which will include all 76 units. He has made application for tax credits through IHCD to do the project. The letter explains the procedure to be

followed. If any of the Council would like to meet with the developer the IHCDa will set up that meeting.

- I was notified that there is a petition for a special exception to locate an Auto Sales lot at 1400 N Cherry Street. I have received negative feedback from both the Council's representative and my representative to the BZA concerning this request.

MATLOCK PUBLIC HEARING ANNEXATION * * * *

Bridges opened the meeting for a public hearing regarding the Matlock annexation. This annexation is for a proposed building expansion for Wal-Mart. Bill Todd said that the Drainage Board had approved the plan. They are also in the process of scheduling a hearing for rezoning. They have a 47 acre tract and have filed for a 4 lot subdivision. There was no other comments from those present, Byrne made a motion to close the public hearing. Fields seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

Bridges then introduced the fiscal plan. Fields made a motion to accept the fiscal plan for annexation. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pavey made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-1, a Resolution to Adopt the Fiscal Plan. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * * *

None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * * *

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Police – Fudge handed out his monthly report.

Animal – Hill handed out his monthly report. Hill also reported that they have got the cages set up.

Park – Mathews spoke with a representative from the Community Work Experience Program. They will send 2 people to work for experience at no charge to the City for a period of 14 days. They would have a police background check before beginning work. Byrne made a motion to approve the Community Work Experience Program. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Easter egg hunt will be Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Code Enforcement – Harmon reported that they have received training on the GIS. A demonstration will be given at a later date.

Harmon has completed the inspections on the 8 houses for the housing grant.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

A complaint was received from Ron Yazel regarding the outdoor wood furnaces. He said he did not call the police, but this was the first time that it was offensive to him and that there was a lot of smoke. The Mayor passed out another ordinance for review from the City of Frankfort.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

Update Flatrock River Levee Maintenance – Wilbur Hoeing said the Flatrock River project has been going on for 17 years. Hoeing said the County has agreed to use their funds that are left in the joint account for maintenance. Copley said there is \$33,430.77 left in the Flatrock fund. Hoeing said that this would be enough to start on the maintenance, but not enough to complete it. Byrne made a motion to also use the City's portion of the money on the maintenance. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hoeing suggested that the City add \$1,000.00 to the \$5,000.00 that is annually budgeted for the maintenance. He said he thought adding the extra \$1,000.00 would take care of the newly annexed area. After discussion Byrne made a motion to table the matter and have Newhouse get the facts from the County. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bridges gave Council a letter of resignation from the Flatrock Steering Committee from Bill Todd.

Hoeing also said that after the money in the Flatrock fund has been disbursed that the insurance can be cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

Jehovah Witness Annexation – Sheehan made a motion to approve the Resolution for Annexation, 2007-1. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Byrne made a motion to approve the claims as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before the Council, Byrne made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER